

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER

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PURPOSE

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This policy section outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program and Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) personnel.

The State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) has approved the CAL FIRE EMR training program.

CAL FIRE EMRs respond to immediate illness and/or injury, including medical emergencies prior to the availability of medical care by certified or licensed health care professionals.

AUTHORITY

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- United States National Highway Safety and Traffic Administration National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, DOT HS 811 077C, 2010
- National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Emergency Medical Services Certification
- American Heart Association

RELATED POLICIES

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- 1800 CAL FIRE Health and Fitness Handbook
- 4000 CAL FIRE Training Handbook
- 4300 CAL FIRE Fire Protection Training Handbook
- 7000 CAL FIRE Fire Operations Handbook
- 7700 CAL FIRE Emergency Incident Management Handbook
- 8500 CAL FIRE Cooperative Fire Services Handbook

RESPONSIBILITIES

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EMR Trained Employee

- Ensures required EMS training requirements are met (refer to the appropriate CAL FIRE handbook)
- Ensures all training/certification/licensure requirements are met
- Completes the initial CAL FIRE EMR training course of 48-60 hours and skills competency verification
- Completes the [Emergency Medical Responder Application \(EMS-700\)](#)
- Completes a 24-hour refresher course every two years
- Complies with the 4000 CAL FIRE Training Handbook for maintenance of first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training

Additional information on EMR training level procedures can be found in the 7200 CAL FIRE EMS Handbook, Appendix 2.

Lapses in Certification

Should an EMR training level lapse, the following additional CE requirements apply to recertify:

- Lapses less than six months: completion of the existing 24-hour refresher course or 24 CE hours for recertification
- Lapses more than six months, but less than 12 months: an additional 12 CE hours (for a total of 36 CE hours) from an approved EMS CE provider are required for recertification
- Lapses more than 12 months: completion of a full EMR course is required for recertification

For additional information on CE requirements, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendices 2 and 5.

CAL FIRE Supervisor

- Ensures all staff meet minimum training requirements
- Coordinates with Unit/Program EMS Coordinator as needed

Unit/Program EMS Coordinator

- Maintains course completion documentation for personnel
- Maintains Unit EMR database in accordance with the 7200 CAL FIRE EMS Handbook, Appendix 2
- Organizes training to ensure public safety personnel meet minimum training standards
- Ensures EMR training is in accordance with CAL FIRE and EMSA approved curriculum

Unit/Program Training Officer

- Coordinates with Unit/Program EMS Coordinator and EMS Program staff to ensure delivery of any EMS training meets current CAL FIRE EMS policy and federal and/or state regulations
- Coordinates with Unit/Program EMS Coordinator and EMS Program staff regarding EMS training and CE
- Coordinates with Unit/Program EMS Coordinator to ensure Unit/Program EMS Instructors are qualified

Unit Chief/Program Manager

- Ensures all public safety personnel meet minimum training standards

Region Chief/Deputy Director

- Directs Unit Chief/Program Manager to ensure all public safety personnel meet minimum training standards

EMS Training Coordinator

- Ensures Unit/Program EMS Coordinators maintain course completion documentation for public safety personnel
- Ensures Units/Programs are using the EMSA approved EMR training course and refresher course curricula
- Maintains the EMS Instructor Database
- Coordinates development of EMS related curricula and EMR curriculum

EMS Program Staff

- Assists with EMS Instructor Database
- Assists Units/Programs with EMR issues as needed

EMS Physician

- Reviews EMR curricula Reviews EMS curricula in conjunction with EMS Program and curriculum development staff, to ensure training materials meet current regulations and guidelines

EMS Program Manager

- Reviews and approves EMR curricula to ensure training materials meet current regulations and guidelines
- Coordinates with Unit/Program staff as needed

EMS Chief

- Supervises EMS Program Manager

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